component of the scheme also. The following priorities will prevail for earmarking the houses under the scheme:—

(i)	SC/ST	—	not less than 50%
(ii)	Backward Classes	—	30%
(iii)	Other Weaker sections (OBC, BC etc. as defined in any particular State)	—	15%
(iv)	Physically and mentally disabled and handicapped persons	—	5%

Within this reservation, preference will be given to women headed households, urban poor who are members of self-help groups and persons eligible for old age pension as defined by the State Government.

State Governments will monitor the implementation of the programme. The State Governments will prescribe the periodical reports/returns through which they would monitor the performance of VAMBAY in the districts and send the same to the Government of India. The monitoring of the programme at the State level will be the responsibility of a State Level Co-ordination Committee (SLCC) for urban housing. A representative or nominee each of the Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation, Government of India and of HUDCO would invariably be members of the State Level Coordinating Committee (SLCC).

DDA flats vacant for allotment in Vasant Kunj

899. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of flats lying vacant for allotment by the DDA in Vasant Kunj, sector-wise and block-wise;

(b) whether Government have made enquiries in this regard;

(c) whether some unauthorised persons are making use of these flats; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government for allotment of such flats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Allocation of funds to Municipal Corporation in the country

†900. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sanctioned rupees 100 crore directly to Municipal Corporation of Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to provide the same amount to municipal corporations of other cities in the country;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. An amount of Rs.100 crores have been sanctioned to Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) for construction, improvement and strengthening of roads to improve the urban infrastructure facilities. This has been sanctioned out of the Urban Development Fund created out of the proceeds from conversion of leasehold to freehold of lands placed at the disposal of DDA and is to be utilised for development of urban infrastructure;

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.